

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 967

By Johnson P

A RESOLUTION to recognize Martin Duckworth on achieving Eagle Rank with Boy Scout Troop 545.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, one such member of this fine organization, Martin Kyle Duckworth, deserves credit and commendation for his achievements as a Boy Scout; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Martin Duckworth, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor in a ceremony at Charity Baptist Church in Joelton, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Martin Duckworth achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in December 2003 as a member of Boy Scout Troop 545 of Ashland City, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scouts of America includes numerous Merit Badges and Vice Chief of Training for Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, Martin Duckworth's Eagle Scout Project, constructing a graveled and wood chipped picnic area, including twelve picnic tables and an adjacent sand-filled volleyball court, for his church, greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Sycamore High School, Mr. Duckworth excels in the classroom, in athletic competition, and in the arts; he is an honor student, a member of the marching band, and a wrestler on the school's team; and

WHEREAS, Martin Duckworth's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Lee and Wanda Duckworth, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Martin Duckworth as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby applaud and honor Martin Kyle Duckworth on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy